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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" As I said, Sir, there were only sporadic cases. There was nothing like an epidemic in Malabar at all."

Pavement dwellers in Madras City.

* 207 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state what action the Government have taken to house the pavement and platform dwellers in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The Government have no schemes to house the pavement and platform dwellers in the City of Madras. The responsibility of housing the pavement dwellers is primarily that of the Corporation of Madras which is doing as much as it can in this direction."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Is it the intention of the Government to see that more pavement dwellers and road sleepers exist in the State? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Not at all, Sir."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Co-operative department is spending huge sums of money on building mansions for the well-to-do people, why should not Government direct the department to spend that money on constructing dwellings for the poor pavement dwellers? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" They are ready to do it, Sir. But unfortuntely these moneys that we are advancing for building purposes are given in the shape of loans and not as subsidies and grants."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, the approximate number of pavement dwellers in the Madras City? Are they Tamilians or Andhras? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I cannot give the exact number, Sir. Some time back I was told it was about 17,000. I do not have split up figures to show how many of these are Andhras and how many of them are Tamils." (Laughter.)

SRI S. RAMASWAMI NAIDU :—" Sir, will the Government impress upon the Corporation of Madras to give top priority to building houses for these poor people in the public interest and in the interest of the State? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I may inform the hon. Member that the Corporation has been doing its best to help the poor people. For instance, they have built shelters called ' homes ' for the homeless. They have five of them in the City, one in Triplicane, the other in Wall-Tax Road, the third in Ibrahimjee Sahib street, the fourth in Elephant Gate Road and the fifth in Ritche's street near Napier Park."

9-30 a.m. SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" In view of the fact that the presence of a large number of pavement dwellers in the City of Madras affects its grandeur and magnificence, may I know what prevents the Minister from co-operating with the Corporation of Madras to see that the thing is removed? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" We certainly co-operate, Sir."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Sir, I rise on a point of order. The question is about pavement dwellers which relates to the Minister for Local Administration and I would like to know how it happened to go to the Minister for Co-operation."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Housing is within the portfolio of the Minister for Co-operation. Questions are over."

[Starred question No. 208 postponed for answer on 28th March 1953.]

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message from the Hon. the Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council, dated 25th March 1953 :—

' I transmit a copy of the following motion passed to-day by the Madras Legislative Council in respect of the Madras Consolidated Fund (Withdrawal of Moneys) Bill, 1953 (L.A. Bill No. 3 of 1953) :

That the Bill be passed ".' "

III.—DISCUSSION ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1952-53.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker Sir, to-day we start discussion on the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1952-53. I have already made a brief introductory speech when I placed the statement before the House the other day. Whatever I have got to say I shall reserve to the end by way of reply to the debate."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are going to discuss the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure to-day. There are explanatory notes under each Demand in the statement supplied to hon. Members and they must confine their remarks to the objects stated in those notes."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" What is the statement you are referring to Sir? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has already been circulated to the Members."

* SRI CHANDRA RAMALINGIAH :—" అధ్యక్షా, గత సంవత్సరంలో ఈ డిమాండ్సు క్రింద allot చేసింది చాలక యిప్పుడు అదనంగా మళ్లీ ఖర్చు పెట్టామని చెప్పుతున్నారు. ఇందులో ముఖ్యంగా జమీందారులకు కంపెన్‌సేషన్ యిచ్చే వద్ద